

with the proviso that the compound of formula I is not the tert-butyl ester of 4-(5-amino-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyridin-3-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid.

- 5 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein only one or two of A, B, D or E is a nitrogen atom.
3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein only one of D or E is a nitrogen atom.
- 10 4. A compound according to claim 2, wherein only two of A, B, D or E is a nitrogen atom, the nitrogen atoms being at positions A and D or B and E.
5. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein each R₁ is independently selected from a hydrogen or halogen atom or an alkyl, or alkoxy group.
- 15 6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein R₁ is hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine or methoxy.
- 20 7. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein each of L₁, L₂ and L₃ independently represents a single bond or an alkyl, oxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, thioalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group.
- 25 8. A compound according to claim 7, wherein L₁ is an alkyl, oxyalkyl, aminoalkyl or thioalkyl group; L₂ is a single bond or an alkyl group; and L₃ is a single bond or an alkyl, oxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group.
9. A compound according to claim 8, wherein L₁ is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, oxyethyl, oxypropyl, aminoethyl or thioethyl; L₂ is a single bond, methyl or ethyl; and L₃ is a single bond, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, butyl, oxyethyl, methoxyethyl or ethoxyethyl.
- 30 10. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein W₁ is an aromatic monocyclic group which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen atoms, alkyl or alkoxy groups.